

District Judge Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ALI AKBAR MEFTAH,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIC GAUDIOSI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00790-MJP

STIPULATED MOTION TO HOLD  
CASE IN ABEYANCE AND  
~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER

Noted for Consideration:  
October 1, 2024

Plaintiff and Defendants, by and through their counsel of record, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6 and Local Rules 7(d)(1), 10(g) and 16, hereby jointly stipulate and move to stay these proceedings through December 10, 2024. Plaintiff brings this litigation pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and Mandamus Act seeking, *inter alia*, to compel Defendants to readjudicate Plaintiff's son's immigrant visa application. This case is currently stayed through October 11, 2024. Dkt. No. 6, Order. For good cause, the parties request that the Court hold this case in abeyance through December 10, 2024.

Courts have "broad discretion" to stay proceedings. *Clinton v. Jones*, 520 U.S. 681, 706 (1997). "[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to the power inherent in every court to control the disposition of the causes on its docket with economy of time and effort for itself, for

counsel, and for litigants.” *Landis v. N. Am. Co.*, 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 1.

With additional time, this case may be resolved without the need of further judicial intervention. Plaintiff’s son’s visa application is currently refused under INA § 221(g), 8 U.S.C.1201(g) for administrative processing. The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi recently requested that Plaintiff’s son submit further information. Additional time is needed to allow for this information to be submitted and then for the Embassy to review and process this information, which may lead to re-adjudication.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the instant action be stayed until December 10, 2024. The parties will submit a joint status report on or before December 10, 2024.

DATED on this 1st day of October, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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*I certify that this memorandum contains 266 words, in compliance with the Local Civil Rules.*

**~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER**

The case is held in abeyance until December 10, 2024. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before December 10, 2024. It is so **ORDERED**.

DATED this 2nd day of October, 2024.



MARSHA J. PECHMAN  
United States Senior District Judge